

Town of Patagonia
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April 10, 2007

Arizona Historical Advisory Committee
1700 W. Washington Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Committee Members:

The Mayor and Town Council of Patagonia support and recommend two local, in progress projects, for official designation as Arizona Centennial Legacy Projects. Each project stands on its own and meets the criteria outlined on your website.

The Cady Hall Garden with a History, located at the Patagonia Library and Cady Hall, which is a registered historic site, will showcase original area homestead plants and tell their stories.

The Restoration of the 1906 train order semaphore, located outside of the historic Southern Pacific Depot in Patagonia, which is eligible to be on the National Register of Historic Places, will preserve for future generations one of less than two dozen remaining semaphores of this kind.

Both projects will endure beyond 2012. Each will promote civic-tourism by demonstrating and educating the community and visitors about Patagonia's unique mining, ranching and mercantile life and place in Arizona's history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Gay", written in dark ink.

Gary Gay
Mayor Town of Patagonia

ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Application for Arizona Centennial 2012 Legacy Project Designation

AHAC Mission: Develop, encourage and coordinate a statewide plan for Arizona's centennial in 2012 including advising the legislature and state agencies on centennial history and heritage, arts and culture, assisting the governor's countdown to the centennial to support school children learning about Arizona's history and recommending activities and projects that will ensure lasting accomplishments to commemorate the centennial.

Vision for Centennial Projects: Commemorations that encourage all Arizonans to reflect on our unique and authentic history, to experience the rich and diverse tapestry of our heritage, and to explore our promising futures, thus ensuring a lasting legacy.

Legacy Project Criteria: This is a request for official designation as an Arizona Centennial Legacy Project. To be considered, the project must 1) accurately portray a significant aspect of Arizona history; 2) be accessible to large number of visitors/users; 3) demonstrate collaboration in the planning; 4) produce an enduring product that will live on after 2012; 5) include an educational component; 6) include a plan for implementation.

Attach a maximum of three pages that address the following areas, in the order listed:

1. General description of the project.
2. Describe how this project meets the Legacy Project criteria.
3. Project timeline. Give details regarding planning and implementation.
4. Describe the project location.
5. List project partners, if applicable.
6. Attach a proposed budget, showing total project cost and funding sources.

Name of project: Cady Hall Courtyard Garden with a History

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Signature (authorizing official or project director)

4/10/07

Date

The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission will review the Committee's recommendations and make final decisions regarding Legacy Project designations. Submit application to:

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General Description of the Project

The Cady Hall Courtyard Garden with a History Project was conceived when the restoration of Cady Hall and the Patagonia Library complex was completed in 1997. The former Patagonia Hotel, now known as Cady Hall and the library, was constructed in 1901 by John C. Cady and is listed on the federal registrar of historic buildings.

The garden, adjacent to the library, will contain plants, identified as original homestead plantings. Homestead plants, many surviving since the early 1900's, tend to be robust, resistant to insects and disease, and need limited water after initial establishment. A mulberry tree on the Arizona Registrar of Historic Trees already occupies a corner of the garden space.

The Patagonia Library, located in the historic Patagonia Hotel/Cady Hall, provides a historical sense of place for the community. Constructed in the early 1900's, it is the oldest public space that has seen continual use by locals and visitors to the community. With the foresight of the Patagonia Woman's Club, then owners of the building, the Patagonia Library opened in late 1957. The Woman's Club deeded Cady Hall to the town in 1989 and an ambitious restoration project began.

A committee consisting of a cross-section of locals and area residents envisioned a community center as well as an enlarged public library. It was decided to create a library reading room addition and to enclose the porch on the east side of the former hotel apartments. The Cady Hall Restoration Committee began its work in 1990 and generated over \$250,000 in private donations and grants. The library moved into its renovated rooms in 1997.

Upon project completion, the restoration committee hired a consultant to design a garden, which represented the era in which Cady Hall was constructed. Original homestead plants, most local, were identified and recommended for inclusion. An educational photography component was also designed. To acquire plant information old-timers were consulted; many have since passed on, thus a silent reminder of the necessity to keep our local heritage alive. The project was revisited and approved by the town council in December 2006.

The garden plan includes an educational photographic component demonstrating plant provenance. The garden will serve as an extension of library indoor space and be available for free twenty-four hour a day wireless Internet access in addition to being a venue library and community programs. A value-added product of the garden is its natural ability to promote civic tourism.

Meeting Legacy Project Criteria

The selected plants represent an integral piece of Arizona's history. The courtyard plants, which represent Arizona's settlement, will include surviving garden and orchard plants collected from the older home sites in the Patagonia area. Almost all of the plants identified in the plan are long-lived clones. Plants include, but are not limited to, quince, whose hardiness made it one of the fruits that settlers in the 1880's could count on harvesting since it was not quickly removed by animals. Irises found in the hillside cemetery near the old mining town of Harshaw were planted around 1910, but their Arizona history dates back to the 1800's. An Arandulev's Rose, arrived in Patagonia in 1904, brought over from Spain by the Walsh family, now deceased. Ruda, a medicinal

plant, brought in from Mexico, as a household garden plant was identified in the yard of two, now passed on, Patagonia residents. With their passing, the plant was also lost. The garden's location makes it accessible not only to the community, but also to area visitors, twenty-four hours a day. The library serves residents of Santa Cruz County census tract 9960, which according to the 2000 census had a total population of 2781 residents. Additionally, the library encourages area visitors to use its resources. A review of statistics gathered in fiscal year 2005/2006; reveal visits to the library averaged 1950 per month. In February of 2007, 1720 people visited the library during regular hours. After-hours and on Sundays additional visitors access the wireless Internet connection from the garden area.

Initial collaboration on the plan necessitated community input and involved plant specimen donors, the Cady Hall Restoration Committee, the Patagonia Woman's Club, and the Friends of the Library. Private donations in memory of area residents permitted the initial phase to be completed.

The garden will endure long past the Arizona Centennial in the same manner that these hardy plants have thus far. Before all the long-time area residents pass on, there are additional plant histories, which can yet be gathered and integrated with the histories that have thus far been collected.

The garden plan includes an educational photographic component, which will demonstrate plant provenance. Photographs will be taken at the sites from which the plants are collected, family history, as applicable will be noted. The photographs will be displayed on the interior library wall, which faces the garden. While not included in the original plan, a pamphlet might also be designed and remain outdoors and on display at the Visitor's Center, making the information accessible after library hours.

Implementation is in progress. The plan is designed, many plants have been identified for inclusion, and their stories are documented. Existing garden plants were recently pruned, and the Tombstone Rose is being trained to climb the ramada. A grant was submitted to the Santa Cruz Community Foundation for infrastructure costs. Volunteers are coming forward to assist with infrastructure installation and related plant activities. The Friends of the Library are committed to assist with infrastructure costs as necessary. An article describing the project is included in the spring 2007, Friends of the Library Newsletter.

When the infrastructure is complete, volunteers will gather and nurture the plant specimens. Publicity will be in the form of Public Service Announcements on our local radio station, word of mouth, information on the library and the Patagonia Area Business Association's websites. Progress updates will be included in the Friends of the Library bi-annual newsletter.

Photographing the plants and plant provenance information will be ongoing. As plants become established the educational display will be developed and made available public for viewing.

The dedication ceremony will be scheduled to coincide with Arizona's Centennial, February 14, 2012.

Project Timeline

Prior to 1999, the plan was created, plants identified and a grant from the Arizona Commission on the Arts paid to produce two hand wrought gates. In 2000, Restoration Committee and Friends memorial funds were used to construct a wood ramada, which now supports a tombstone rose. With the same funds, the fence and wall, which enclose the publicly accessible garden space, were constructed.

2006: Town Council re-approved plan and additional local support garnered.

2007/2008: Garden infrastructure, to include a drip irrigation system with timer, a cistern for water collection, an ADA accessible pathway and seating will be installed. Holes for plant placement will be dug.

2008/2009: Plant specimens and additional documentation including photographs will be collected. Specimens needing additional nurturing, such as roses, will be placed in qualified volunteer homes until the appropriate planting time. Other specimens will be directly placed in the garden.

2010/2011: Additional plantings made. Nurture and watch plants grow. Refine the educational and publicity component. Begin publicity campaign. Display educational component.

2012: Community Centennial Dedication

Project Partners

The plan, when revisited, received additional support from the Patagonia Museum, the Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Patagonia Library, and library users. Individuals have committed to assist in infrastructure installation, to collect, transplant, and to nurture the intended plant specimens. The Patagonia Town Council re-approved the plan in December 2006 and a letter of support is enclosed.

Project Location

The Cady Hall Garden with a History is adjacent to the library and abuts the library's windowed public access technology corridor; formally the hotel's screened porch. This blends the past to the present with an outlook on the future. The publicly accessible area affords twenty-four hour access through two hand-forged gates, for wireless internet use and community programs. The garden location and gate placement maintain a traditional walking path, from one street to another.

Cady Hall courtyard Garden with a History Project
Budget

Year	Component	Amount	Source
2007/2008	Infrastructure	\$3985	Grant Pending, Santa Cruz Community Foundation
2007/2008	Infrastructure as needed	(\$4000)	Friends of the Patagonia Library
2007/2008	Infrastructure Installation	\$300	Volunteers 20-40hrs
2008-2010	Plant Gathering/Planting	\$300	Volunteers 20-40 hrs
2010/2011	Publicity	\$250	County Funds, Library Budget
2010/2011	Educational Display	\$1500	Friends of the Patagonia Library
2012	Dedication	\$150	Volunteers 10 hrs
	Project Total	\$6485	